

FIVE RULES FOR CHRISTMAS

Over Christmas (23-27 December) up to three households can join to form one large Christmas bubble to enable them to meet up indoors.



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DAYS TO
BUBBLE

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TIPS FOR
TRAVEL



1. Plan in advance to avoid busy times
2. Maintain social distancing wherever possible
3. Wash your hands regularly
4. Wear a face covering on public transport

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HOUSEHOLDS
MEETING

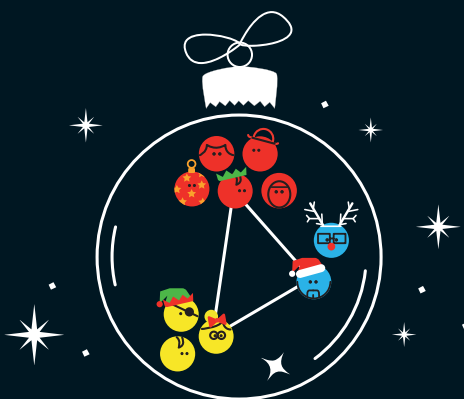


The maximum number of households permitted to form a Christmas bubble is three.

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WEEKS OF
PLANNING



You need to have conversations with your family and friends now, to decide your three household Christmas bubble.



1 CHRISTMAS
BUBBLE

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Festive food funds

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Local gift shops

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Triumphant
Tao

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Art and lockdown

PLUS
Our Homes



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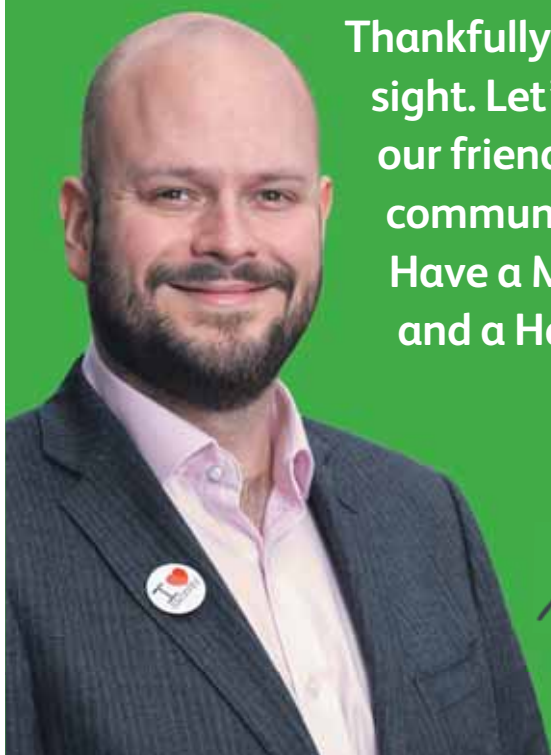


Everything's
gone green!

I would like to thank all of our residents, businesses and those who work in Hackney for the changes they have made and community spirit shown over the past year.

Coming out of lockdown into Tier 2 was welcome, however as you may have seen in the media, there is a very strong chance of London going into even tighter Tier 3 restrictions. This could happen as soon as later this week.

Christmas will be different for everyone this year, even though we are allowed to meet a limited number of our loved ones for a five day period. The virus will not be taking a break and vaccinations will still be some months away for most people.



Thankfully hope is now in sight. Let's all make sure our friends, family and communities are kept safe. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Philip Glanville
Mayor of Hackney

We've been hit hard by coronavirus in Hackney over the past year and, sadly, we are still seeing high levels of infection in the borough.

I am very concerned about the health of people in Hackney, and I am asking everyone to do their bit to keep Hackney safe. That means:

- **HANDS:** Keep washing your hands regularly, for at least 20 seconds (Happy birthday twice) or using hand sanitiser
- **FACE:** Wear a face covering in enclosed spaces like shops, places of worship or public transport. Make sure it covers both your nose and mouth.
- **SPACE:** Stay at least 2m away from those not in your household or bubble
- **ISOLATE:** If you have any of the symptoms for coronavirus, however mild, please self isolate for at least 10 days, unless you've had a negative test result
- **TEST:** As soon as you get any coronavirus symptoms, book a test immediately by calling **119**, downloading the **NHS COVID-19 app** or going online to nhs.uk/coronavirus The sooner you get tested, the sooner you will get your result.
- Follow the government guidelines for Tier 2 – such as not mixing with other households indoors and sticking to the 'rule of six' outside

I know you all want to keep up the good work we've begun and keep our friends and families safe.

We have hope with the vaccine coming, but until then we need to keep socially distancing and mask wearing and working together to prevent the virus from spreading in the community to keep Hackney safe.

Remember the safest way to celebrate Christmas is at home with the people you live with, so if you are worried about mixing with others, it's fine to have a quiet one this year and catch up with family when things are safer.

Dr Sandra Husbands
Director of Public Health
for Hackney and the City



In Hackney there are a number of testing sites:

- Dalston, Bentley Road Car Park, N1 4BZ
(open 7 days a week 8am–8pm)
- Hackney Central, Mare Street, E9 6ND
(open 7 days a week 8am–8pm)
- Stamford Hill, Sandford Court, Bethune Road, N16 5BB
(open 7 days a week 8am–8pm)
- Stamford Hill, Yesodey Hatorah School, Egerton Road, N16 6UB
- Homerton, Hackney Marshes Centre, E9 5PF

There are also 2 testing centres nearby that residents can use:

- Stamford Hill Primary Nursery, Berkeley Road, Haringey N15 6HD
(7 days 8am–8pm)
- Guild Hall Yard, City of London, EC2V 5AA
(7 days 8am–8pm)



To book an appointment at these sites call **119**, go to nhs.uk/coronavirus or use the **NHS COVID app**.



Sign up to the Hackney Council e-newsletter to get regular updates on coronavirus in Hackney at hackney.gov.uk/newsletters



CHRISTMAS FAQs



WHAT IS A CHRISTMAS BUBBLE?

A Christmas bubble is a group of up to **three households** who jointly agree to get together over Christmas (23-27 December).



CAN I TRAVEL OVER CHRISTMAS?

Yes, but you should make sure you complete your journey between **23 and 27 December**. It will be busy, so please plan your journey in advance.



CAN I SEE OTHER FRIENDS OVER CHRISTMAS?

You can only meet people indoors if they are part of **your agreed bubble**. You can meet other friends outdoors, but the 'rule of six' still applies.



CAN OUR BUBBLE GO TO THE PUB TOGETHER?

No. you can only meet **your Christmas bubble indoors** in a private home, garden, or place of place of worship.



















CAN I MEET FRIENDS INDOORS FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE?

No. The Christmas rules apply between 23 and 27 December only. **Tier 2 restrictions will resume in London from 28 December.**

TIER 2

HIGH ALERT

FROM 2 DEC

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY 	BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS 	RETAIL 	WORK AND BUSINESS 
No mixing of households indoors, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six outdoors.	Pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals. Venues must stop taking orders at 10pm and must close by 11pm.	Open.	Everyone who can work from home should do so.
EDUCATION 	INDOOR LEISURE 	ACCOMMODATION 	PERSONAL CARE 
Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.	Open.	Open.	Open.
OVERNIGHT STAYS 	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS 	ENTERTAINMENT 	PLACES OF WORSHIP 
Permitted with household or support bubble.	15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships, wedding receptions and wakes; 30 for funerals.	Open.	Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.
TRAVELLING 	EXERCISE 	RESIDENTIAL CARE 	LARGE EVENTS 
Reduce the number of journeys you make and walk or cycle if possible. Avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble. Avoid entering a Tier 3 area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply.	Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but cannot take place indoors if there is any interaction between people from different households. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.	COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).	Sport, live performances and business meetings limited to 50% capacity or 2000 people outdoors (whichever is lower) and 50% capacity or 1000 people indoors (whichever is lower)

Find out what support you can get

For example, if you're out of work, need to get food, or want to take care of your mental health.

[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

If you have any coronavirus symptoms:

A high temperature • A new, continuous cough
A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste.

Get a test and stay at home

The Government may announce tighter tier restrictions on 16 December or in the near future.

Please keep up to date with information and detailed guidance visit [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)



HANDS



FACE



SPACE